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Mr. Gary Ruskin
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Dear Mr. Ruskin:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern about Channel One in the Mississippi public schools. I have spoken with a local school administrator about this issue. Allowing Channel One in a school system is a voluntary decision for each local school district not a state decision. This is not a mandatory program for each school; they have the option to sign a contract or not sign a contract with Channel One. The administrator I spoke with stated that they have received very few complaints from parents regarding the programming. The only complaint he has received was from teachers. The teachers have been disappointed in the size of the television sets, the accessibility to the television and the limited access of the satellite dish to only Channel One.

I would like to assure you that I will be working closely with the Mississippi Senate and the House of Representative during the next four years to improve the educational opportunities for the children of Mississippi.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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